

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL (Revised)**

January 21, 2004

ATTENDEES:

Roger Smith, Dranesville District
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
Steve Saulnier, Alternate, Lee District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Patricia Junkin, Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Roger Sims, Fairfax County Baseball/Softball Council
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
C. McClain Haddow, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
John Nolan, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
Deborah B. Honaker, Alternate, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council
Sally Entlich, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Christopher Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Kristen Cigler, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Brian Dreyer, Department of Community and Recreation Services

ABSENTEES:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
Kevin Fay, Fairfax County Park Authority

GUESTS:

William C. Harvey, NVYLL/Lacrosse
Tom Moore, Youth Basketball Council

Meeting Opening – Mr. Lacey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Presentation – Mr. Lacey introduced Mr. Zakir Mahmood, President, Crescent Cricket Club. Mr. Mahmood acknowledged the presence of Gladstone Dainty, President, USA Cricket Association, and Michael Dupigny, Chairman, Washington Metropolitan Cricket Board. A presentation was made with handouts regarding the accomplishments and the current needs of cricket players in this County.

Administrative Items – December 10, 2003, minutes approved with amendments.

Committee Reports

Sports Forum - Ms. Junkin updated the Council on the Sports Forum to be held on February 8.

Gym Policy Committee – Mr. Lacey indicated that this committee hopes to have focus groups in March in order to get feedback from major organizations.

Custodial Subsidy Committee – Ms. Johnson handed out a document with the committee's recommendations. A meeting was held on November 21, 2003. The custodial subsidy was created several years ago and has grown to be an allocation of a half million dollars. Current recipients are basketball (travel, house, and Special Olympics) and wrestling. The amount is currently distributed based on participation percentages (percent of total participation). Members of the committee, including Ms. Johnson, are: Harold Leff, Wesley M. Viilo, and Tom Moore.

Matters of Interest

Board of Supervisors – Nothing to report.

Fairfax County School Board – Mr. Jansen mentioned an article in the *Washington Post* about turfing all high school stadium fields. The article described a four phase process to obtain turf fields. It is currently in phase one of a market study.

Fairfax County Park Authority – Nothing to report.

Community and Recreation Services – Ms. Franckewitz reported that the Athletic Services Division is currently working on spring schedules and completing the gym scheduling.

Bylaws Committee – Recommendations and amendments were made and passed. Article 1, section 1 – No changes. Passed. Article 2, section 1: add “planning” before “commissions”. Passed.

Mr. Stein moved to combine softball councils and was seconded by Roger Sims. The motion was defeated with five yes and ten no votes.

(See attached for additional information of the amendment of the bylaws.)

New Business – Mr. Nolan did an analysis on paid coaches for the future as it relates to sports subsidy. The Chairman gave Mr. Nolan two minutes at the end of the meeting. Mr. Nolan reported that there were two clubs that had not completed all of their data, but as of this date the fact is that next year there would be 2,127 players on teams with paid coaches. Which means; that clubs with teams/players will not receive the subsidy. That total amounts to 33% of the total select after taking out the out-of-county players. He stated that he had a chart he would send out by E-mail to the members and he provided the current chart to CRS during the meeting. He further stated “that if paid coaches remain in accordance with the current policy he himself could not go before the Board and support the subsidy in its present configuration.” But, that decision was going to be up to the Soccer Council.

Mr. Meana wants to discuss insurance at the next meeting.

Mr. Sims discussed the Waters Field renovations. He indicated that the Baseball Council is not notified, but the Football Council is included in the process. The Baseball Council does not support the renovation project. Mr. Meana indicated that nothing formal has been decided so far concerning participation in the renovation project.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Dreyer
Acting Secretary